

## JAILED ON VERY NASTY ALLEGATION

Is Frank Mooney, of the North End,  
the Charge Being Criminal  
Assault on a

### SEVEN-YEAR-OLD YOUNGSTER.

Mooney Resists Officer Lawson, and  
Takes His Revolver From Him.  
An Exciting Affair.

Frank Mooney, a young North End-er, who is employed at the Peninsular cemetery by Sexton Chester Dean, who is his brother-in-law, was arrested yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock by two county constables and a policeman after he had disarmed the latter and threatened to kill him, on the charge of committing criminal assault on 7-year-old Clarence Cox Wednesday afternoon.

The crime is the most repulsive in the criminal calendar, and great indignation has been aroused against the alleged assailant.

The details of the assault, committed Wednesday in the seclusion of an abandoned vault of the cemetery, are too filthy to appear in public print. Little Clarence Cox, aged 7 years, son of Charles Cox, of the Fourth ward, had visited the cemetery in company with two other boys of about the same age, Joe Donahue and Chris Roberts, and Clarence was singled out for the assault. The father of the boy learned what had happened Wednesday night, and in his impulsive anger started at once for the cemetery, but wisely reconsidered, and instead went to police headquarters and laid the matter before Chief Clemens.

The chief decided to detail Officer Lawson on the case, and Thursday afternoon the officer in plain clothes, accompanied by the lad's father, and the three boys, went to the cemetery. The boys were sent ahead, and the two men followed. The boys, who hid themselves behind the shrubbery, saw Frank Mooney approaching, and, jumping out from their place of concealment, called out "That's the man."

Officer Lawson approached Mooney, and said: "You are under arrest." Mooney seemed surprised, and inquired as to the charge against him, on which Lawson would not enlighten him, whereupon Mooney pulled loose from the officer's grasp and said, "You can't arrest me."

The officer then pulled out his revolver, intending to frighten Mooney into submission, but instead he jerked the revolver from the officer's grasp, and, pointing it at his head, defied him to do anything.

Of course the officer was helpless, and could do nothing but telephone to police headquarters for assistance. In the meantime Mooney had walked to the sexton's lodge, some distance away from the scene of the trouble with Lawson.

Lieutenant Devlin detailed County Constables Stosh and Moran on the case, they going out to the cemetery in the patrol wagon, where they were joined by Lawson and Cox. The quartette proceeded to the sexton's residence, where they found Mooney and placed him under arrest. He was disposed to make more trouble, but Stosh was too much for him, and he was soon disarmed and under arrest.

Mooney was brought to town in the patrol wagon and placed in the city lock up. Then the officers and Mr. Cox went to Justice Rogers' office, where the latter swore out a warrant for Mooney, charging criminal assault upon his son. This was served and Mooney placed in the county jail pending a preliminary hearing this morning at 10 o'clock.

### Camp Grounds Lawn Fete.

The lawn fete at the Moundsville camp ground last evening was a success. The largest crowd ever in attendance at a similar function was present on this occasion. Melsters brass band had been secured for the evening, and no finer musical entertainment was ever given on the grounds. In addition to those tenting on the grounds, people were present from Moundsville, Beawood and Wheeling. The ladies of the camp ground had prepared refreshments, and from the sale of these quite a handsome sum was added to their fund, being raised for the liquidation of the debt.

### Mrs. Carolina Eberts Dead.

This morning at 12:35 o'clock, at the family home, two miles north of the city, occurred the death of Mrs. Carolina J. Eberts, wife of Jacob Eberts, a well known farmer, in the sixty-sixth year of her age. Mrs. Eberts had been ill for several months, and on Wednesday evening she was stricken with paralysis, which ended fatally this morning.

The deceased was well and favorably known, and is survived by her husband and seven children, who are: Mrs. W. C. Eberts, Mrs. Andrew Korn and Mrs. H. G. Weiske, of Wheeling; J. J. Eberts, of Elm Grove; George S. Eberts, Mrs. Philippina Wolf and Miss Louisa Eberts.

### Squire Fitzpatrick's Court.

Justice Fitzpatrick conducted the hearing of John Doe in the office of the county jail last night. Doe was arrested by Constables McDermott and Morris on a drunkenness and disorderly charge. He was given \$1 and costs and discharged on a promise of good behavior.

### Harpers Sold Out.

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—The Harper Brothers' building in Pearl and Cliff streets, together with all printing presses and other apparatus on the premises, and with all rights to publish the Harper periodicals, were sold at the New York Real Estate Exchange to-day for \$1,100,000 to Alex. E. Orr, chairman of the reorganization committee for the publishing house.

ACCIDENTS come with distressing frequency on the farm. Cuts, bruises, stings, sprains, Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil relieves the pain instantly. Never safe without it.—2

## THE ABORTION CASE.

Jury Empanelled, and Reviews the  
Remains—No Date Yet Set for the  
Inquest—No Doubt That the Death  
Was Caused by an Abortion.

Yesterday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, Coroner Schultz empanelled a jury to view the remains of Della Gaines, the young woman whose mysterious death occurred at the home of Madame Smaltzer, at Park View, Wednesday afternoon. The jury consisted of J. A. Bebout, Thomas J. Wolvington, Thomas J. Ball, William F. Graebe, Charles A. Helmbright and William J. McGannon. After viewing the remains they were shipped over the Baltimore & Ohio to the home of her mother, at Metz, W. Va., where the body will be interred.

This is all that remains of the case until the inquest is held. Prosecuting Attorney Meyers was summoned to Pittsburgh on legal business yesterday, and no definite date will be set for the inquest until he returns. The physicians who conducted the post-mortem will then make their report. The nature of this report could not be learned, but one of the physicians stated yesterday that there was no question as to an abortion, but the examination was made too late to determine whether it was brought about by natural or artificial means.

The case is being probed by the officials, and it is likely that something of a tangible nature will be brought to light shortly. Nothing has been heard of J. N. Lowry, the man who took the girl to the home of Madame Smaltzer, and introduced her as his wife. It is likely he will avoid this neighborhood for some time to come.

The mother and brother of the unfortunate girl accompanied the remains home. They would say nothing regarding the affair, and seemed to be in the dark regarding its nature. They appear to be simple country folk, and have, no doubt, been the victims of misplaced confidence.

Madame Smaltzer stated yesterday that she desired not to be implicated in the case in any way. She said she was perfectly innocent, and that the couple were merely boarding there, and she supposed they were man and wife.

## ANOTHER SCORCHER.

Again the Thermometer Ascends to  
the 93½ Mark, the Highest of the  
Year in Wheeling—Continued  
Warm Weather Friday and Saturday.

It was another day of extremely high temperature in Wheeling, the Schnepf thermometer again ascending to the 93½ degree mark, the highest of the year having now been reached on four days this summer. The top-notch for the day was not reached until 4 o'clock in the afternoon, over two hours later than on the day before. No serious cases of heat prostration were reported for the day.

The hourly record of temperature, as recorded at Schiefel's, was as follows:

Hour.	Temp.	Hour.	Temp.
7 a. m.	84	4 p. m.	93½
8 a. m.	85	5 p. m.	93
9 a. m.	86	6 p. m.	92
10 a. m.	87	7 p. m.	91
11 a. m.	88	8 p. m.	90
Noon	89	9 p. m.	89
1 p. m.	90	10 p. m.	88
2 p. m.	91	11 p. m.	87
3 p. m.	92	Midnight	87

The prediction is for continued high temperature on Friday and Saturday, an announcement that will surely displease Wheeling people.

For the third successive day there was no rain reported at any river point on the Monongahela, Allegheny, Ohio, Mississippi or Missouri.

## THE RAILROADS.

The Pennsylvania line announces the inauguration of a Sunday train service on the Terminal and Cleveland & Pittsburgh between Wheeling and Pittsburgh, beginning next Sunday. There will be three trains each way, with half fare. It is said this is a forerunner of the running of all Cleveland & Pittsburgh trains into Wheeling via the Terminal. The inauguration of this service is expected to come simultaneously with the regular fall passenger schedules, possibly sooner.

## The Central to Meet.

Calls for the regular monthly meeting of the Central Passenger association were issued Wednesday. The meeting will be held at the Hotel Victoria, Put-in-Bay, O., next Wednesday. Among the matters to be considered by the association will be recommendations of general baggage agents, proposed uniformity in bulletining lost or stolen tickets, status of redemption account, proposition to abridge prevailing forms of ticket contracts, correspondence concerning payment of ticket commissions, home visitors' excursions, reduced fares to students attending the summer school at Lake Geneva, ticket orders of western lines in the association's territory, placing prepaid orders for tickets by telegraph, prosecution of alleged ticket forgers by the Colorado Midland, Pan-American tourist bureau at Buffalo, one-way settlers' rates to southern destinations, sale of home seekers' tickets to points south of the Ohio river, methods for obtaining votes on applications for reduced rates for meetings, correspondence concerning joint circular relative to special rates for railroad employees and members of their families, and the proposed advance in certificate plan fares.

## NEW SUNDAY TRAINS

Between Wheeling, Steubenville and Intermediate Stations via Martin's Ferry.

Commencing Sunday, August 12, a Sunday train service will be established between Wheeling and Steubenville and intermediate stations on the Cleveland & Pittsburgh railroad, via Wheeling Terminal railway and Martin's Ferry. There will be three trains in each direction every Sunday until further notice. They will leave Wheeling at 6:30 a. m., 2:30 p. m. and 6:30 p. m., Central time, and returning from Steubenville and intermediate stations reach Wheeling at 9 a. m., 5:40 p. m. and 9 p. m., Central time.

Excursion tickets between ticket stations from Wheeling to Steubenville will be sold at single fare for round trip, good going and returning only on the Sunday trains, thereby offering an opportunity for Sunday outings and visits at small expense. For information about the special rate tickets, etc., apply to John G. Tomlinson, Ticket Agent, Wheeling, W. Va.

## FAMILY WASHING.

Rough Dry Washed, Starched and Dried 6 cents per pound.  
Flat Work, Washed and Ironed, 5 cents per pound.  
All hand work finished 10 cents per pound. At LUTZ BROS'.  
Home Steam Laundry.

## ..POLITICS..

The call for the First senatorial district Republican nominating convention will be issued in a day or two by Chairman Harry Hocking. The convention will be held at Wellsburg on Saturday, September 8. The Wellsburg Republicans announce that they will make the visit of the Ohio and Hancock county people exceedingly pleasant. Hancock has chosen eight conferees and Brooke nine, one for each 100 votes cast for Atkinson in 1896, but Ohio county will choose but twenty conferees, two from each magisterial district, though entitled to sixty-seven votes in the convention.

The time and place of holding the First judicial district nominating convention have not been announced yet, but as it is merely the matter of going through the proper form of nominating the present efficient judge, Hon. Thayer Melvin, for another term, not much interest has been aroused.

In a day or two, County Chairman Hornish will announce the places selected in each district for the suggestion meetings of Saturday, August 18, and the voting places for the primary of August 25.

Gene Campbell, when in Wheeling the other day, said it was actually a fact that many Democratic workmen employed at the Ensign car works, in Huntington, expressed disappointment when the company received that order for 2,300 cars for the Southern Pacific railroad, which insures steady employment for 1,000 or more men throughout the summer and coming winter. They were banking on a long shut-down and consequent increase in the Democratic vote. That is surely carrying partisanship to an unheard of extreme.

## MAJESTIC CHARACTER

Was the Funeral of King Humbert.  
Large Choir Rendered Music.

ROME, Aug. 9.—At the funeral of King Humbert to-day the royalties and their suites, the foreign missions, the cabinet ministers, the members of parliament, the officers of state, the diplomatic corps, the army and navy officials and a few invited guests were the only persons allowed inside the edifice.

There was the usual funeral liturgy, which was chanted, and then absolution was again bestowed. As the archbishop, assisted by all the clergy, blessed the corpse, he bowed and inclined as he passed before the king and queen.

After the absolution was the celebration of mass, during which the large Roman orchestra, assisted by a choir of 150 voices, under Mascagni, rendered a selection from the old Italian masters. The effect was beautiful and the execution was perfect.

On the whole the ceremony at the pantheon was of a majestic character. The members of the royal family and the foreign princes left the pantheon at 11 o'clock and returned to the quinal.

## Lake Inspection Party.

CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 9.—The congressional lake inspection party viewed the river and harbor at this port on tugs early to-day, and after visiting the Garfield memorial in Lakeview cemetery, went to Lorain and saw the harbor shipyards and steel works there. They returned to Cleveland and were banquetted by the chamber of commerce this evening at the Hollenden. To-morrow they resume their trip up the lakes on the revenue cutter Fessenden.

## Movements of Transports.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 9.—Two army transports, the Indiana and the Thomas, have arrived at Nagasaki. The Indiana will take a battalion of the Fifteenth infantry and other supplies now aboard the Sumner and proceed to Tokyo, the Sumner going on to Manila. The Thomas sailed some days ago from Manila for San Francisco. She has aboard siege guns and Maxim guns, which General MacArthur is sending to General Chaffee. These will be put aboard the Indiana to be carried to Taku.

## Lands Chinese Converts.

VANCOUVER, B. C., August 9.—The Rev. Jonathan Lees, head of the London Missionary Society, arrived from Tien Tsin on the steamship Empress of India. He said that but for the Chinese converts many missionaries would have been killed. They were invaluable during the siege. They built all the barricades under a rain of bullets. He severely scored the foreign diplomats, who, he says, are babies beside the wily Chinese.

## Wealthy Citizen Dies.

DETROIT, Mich., August 9.—Charles Clark Bowen, a prominent and wealthy citizen of Detroit, died at his home to-day, aged sixty-nine years. Mr. Bowen was secretary and a large stockholder in the great seed firm of D. M. Ferry & Co., treasurer of the Santa Fe, Phoenix & Prescott railroad, and a trustee of Kalamazoo College and Chicago University.

## Hanna Arrives in Boston.

BOSTON, August 9.—Senator Hanna, manager of the Republican campaign, arrived in this city to-day, having come by a night boat from New York. He was accompanied by Cornelius N. Bliss, of New York, treasurer of the Republican national committee. "I have come to meet the leaders and prominent men of the Republican party here and confer with them on the situation," he said, when asked about the purpose of his visit.

## Armenians Massacred.

CONSTANTINOPLE, August 9.—Advices received from Bitlis, Asiatic Turkey, say that 200 men, women and children have been massacred in the Armenian village of Spaghank, in the district of Sassun, by troops and Kurds under Ali Pasha, the commandant of Bitlis. He is also said to have ordered the village to be burned.

## Steel Concern Destroyed.

BEAVER FALLS, Pa., August 5.—Fire last night totally destroyed the works of the Shelby Steel Tube Company and the Boston Electroduct Company, doing damage to the extent of \$300,000.

## DEMOCRATIC ADDRESS

Issued, Exhorting Members of the  
Party to Organize Clubs—Candi-  
dates Leave for Their Respective  
Homes.

CHICAGO, August 9.—W. J. Bryan, his wife and son, the Stevenson party, Governor and Mrs. Thomas, of Colorado, and Col. John I. Martin, sergeant-at-arms of the national convention, arrived over the Big Four in this city at 5:30 p. m. Mr. Bryan and party were driven to the Auditorium, where Mr. Bryan will remain for several days for the purpose of consultation with Chairman Jones and members of the national committee regarding the conduct of the campaign.

When Mr. Bryan leaves here he will go to his home in Lincoln, where he will remain during the balance of the month.

To-morrow, Mr. Stevenson will proceed to Lake Minnetonka with his family, where he will remain for some weeks.

The following address was issued to-night:

"To the Democrats of the United States:

"The Democratic party and its friends must meet the forces of corruption and intimidation in politics this year by thorough organization. A Democratic club or society should be organized in every city, town, village and precinct in the United States. Democrats and all who are in sympathy with the principles set forth in the Kansas City platform are earnestly urged to join Democratic clubs, or when none exists, to assist in organizing them.

This work of uniting the forces of law and liberty into one great systematized civic army should be carried on simultaneously in every part of the country without delay. The friends of the enlightenment, according to the hitherto unchallenged American theory of political equality everywhere under our flag, cannot afford to be less zealous or less active than the advocates of an American colonial empire supported by rifles. No patriotic citizen can ignore the attacks which are being made upon the very foundation of our present irreproachable form of government. This year every citizen should be a politician. Clubs and societies should at once communicate with the 'Secretary of the National Association of Democratic Clubs, 137 Broadway, New York City,' so that the united membership may work systematically in defense of the republic as the fathers made it. All Democratic committees, state and local, are requested to aid the National Association of Democratic Clubs in this work.

(Signed)  
W. J. BRYAN,  
ADLAI E. STEVENSON,  
JAMES K. JONES,  
Chairman National Democratic Committee.

WM. R. HEARST,  
President of the National Association of Democratic Clubs.

## IRON INDUSTRY

Hard to Restore to Its Normal and  
Sound Condition—Situation Intrinsically  
Sounder.

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—"The only effective remedies to restore the iron industry to a normal and sound condition are now being automatically applied, and will do more to inspire confidence than all palliatives. These are an extremely sharp reduction in the production of pig iron and quite an active export movement, with the prospect that the latter will expand considerably, since the margin now is very satisfactory."

So says the Iron Age, which in its issue adds:

"As bearing on the first point, our reports from blast furnace owners show that furnaces have been blown out wholesale during July, making a staggering reduction in the active producing capacity on August 1. At that date 240 furnaces of all kinds were in blast, with a weekly capacity of 244,425 tons, against 284 furnaces on July 1, with a weekly capacity of 283,413 tons.

## Restriction of Production.

This is restriction of production in earnest and it should soon put the pig iron market in better shape, particularly when it is considered that the movement has not yet exhausted itself. In fact, in an informal manner, the furnace owners of the central west have decided to bank a number of stacks on September 1 which are now running.

The furnaces which have been blown out in the past month are scattered all over the country.

"In the meantime the closing down of so many rolling mills on account of labor difficulties and for other causes must lead to a steady depletion of stocks of finished goods so that in that direction, too, the situation is becoming intrinsically sounder.

## Jeffries Ready for Another Bout.

NEW YORK, August 9.—Champion James Jeffries to-night issued a statement, in which he says: "I have been in active training for the past two weeks, preparing myself for the emergency that may make it necessary for me to defend my title before September 1. I find that my arm is improving steadily, and I now stand ready to make a match for the world's championship with the winner of to-morrow night's battle, the bout to be decided in or about New York City before September 1."

## Patriotic Italians Express Grief.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., August 9.—The Italian societies of Pittsburgh and surrounding towns publicly expressed their sorrow over the death of King Humbert to-day by a large parade, followed by the celebration of requiem high mass in all the Italian Catholic churches in the district. The parade was a notable one from the fact that every man in line had at one time been a soldier under the king who met death at the hands of Anarchist Bresci.

## Meeting of Steel Men.

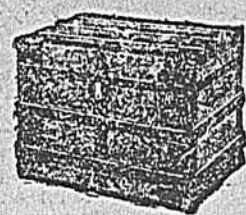
NEW YORK, August 9.—The structural steel and iron trade is being represented at a conference held here to-day. The purpose of the meeting, which was especially called, is to discuss the general trade situation. The Carnegie Steel Company and the American Bridge Company were chiefly interested.

## Safe Arrival of Missionaries.

NEW YORK, August 9.—The Rev. Dr. A. B. Leonard, secretary of the Methodist Episcopal Missionary Society, to-day received a cablegram from the Rev. William H. Lacy, from Kobe, Japan, announcing the safe arrival at Kobe of various members of the Methodist Episcopal mission at Foo Chow.

## McFADDEN'S.

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Extra well made, waterproof, canvas covered Trunks, with solid iron bottom, heavy iron corners, hard wood slats, brass lock, linen lined, with box and extra tray, a \$6.00 trunk, for

Only \$4.48.

McFADDEN'S STORES,  
1316, 1318, 1320, 1322 Market Street.

## MARTIN'S FERRY NEWS.

The Daily Chronicle of Wheeling's  
Progressive Neighbor.

At 8:10 o'clock last evening occurred the death of Robert Carmichael, at his home, on Lombard street, after a six weeks' illness. Deceased was in the market gardening business for the last forty years, and was well known and highly respected. He is survived by a widow and five children.

The Independent racing team is practicing daily for the races at New Kensington, Pa., which they expect to enter next Thursday. They are making good time, and are getting in the best of condition, and will certainly be able to go down the track in a hurry on the day of the races.

The funeral of the child of Mr. and Mrs. John Kean took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, from the family residence on Hickory street. The interment was made at Riverview cemetery.

Frank Seals was arrested yesterday afternoon by Marshal Ervin on a charge of fighting. He was given a hearing last evening, and was fined \$3 and costs by Mayor Goodhue.

Frank Moore, Carl Boyd, John Miskell, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Linn, Harvey Linn and Mrs. John Kyne spent yesterday at the Farewell camp, at Deep Run.

The Young Ladies' Foreign Missionary Society of the First M. E. church met last evening at the residence of Miss Lena Koehler, in Newland's addition.

The annual reunion of the Darrah and Gow families was held yesterday at Finney's orchard, back of town. A large number was in attendance.

E. J. Hoyle left yesterday for the Michigan gold fields, in Ontario, Canada, in the interests of the Flushing Gold Mining Company.

About a dozen from this city took advantage of the cheap excursion via the Baltimore & Ohio to Atlantic City yesterday.

George McLure, Warrick Murray and Clarence Bush left yesterday for Muskegon, Mich., to spend a couple of weeks in camp.

Emanuel Grandison left yesterday for Grayville, Ohio, to attend the camp meeting being held at that place.

William Tweed, of Steubenville, was in the city yesterday, attending the Darrah reunion.

Quite a number from here witnessed the Garcia-Gardner contest at Wheeling last night.

Joe Jerger returned yesterday from a two weeks' visit with relatives at Denison, Ohio.

Ringland Grayson has returned from a several weeks' visit with relatives in Iowa.

Marshall Cropper left yesterday for a two weeks' stay at Atlantic City.

A. J. Smith was in Pittsburgh yesterday on business.

## BRIDGEPORT HAPPENINGS.

Events of a Day in the Town at the  
End of the Bridge.

The district convention of the Mount Zion Baptist Association is in session in this city. The first meeting was held last evening, at the Baptist church, and was largely attended. A large number of delegates arrived yesterday in time to attend the opening meeting, but the majority are expected to-day. The convention will be in session over Sunday.

The engineer to lay out the proposed line of the new Belmont Telephone Company, which has numerous franchises in this section, will be here the first of the week to make the preliminary survey. This goes to show that the company means business.

R. T. Howells left yesterday for a two weeks' trip to Atlantic City and other points in the east.

Quite a number from here took in the Baltimore & Ohio excursion to Atlantic City yesterday.

Master John South left yesterday for Waynesburg, Pa., to spend a couple of weeks with relatives.

George Peltz and Isaac Henry returned yesterday from a week's fishing outing at Freeport.

Mrs. William Fox and children went to Upland yesterday for a week's visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fox left yesterday for a week's stay at Mount Clemens, Mich.

J. B. Lee and R. R. Barrett returned last evening from a two weeks' eastern trip.

Hon. J. C. Heinlein was in St. Clairsville yesterday on business.

## THE RIVER.

YESTERDAY'S DEPARTURES.  
Pittsburgh.....CRICKET, 10 a. m.  
Clarington.....F. A. GOEBEL, 6 p. m.  
Parkersburg.....H. K. BEDFORD, 2 p. m.  
Newport.....JEWELL, 11 a. m.

TO-DAY'S BOATS.  
Newport.....TELEPHONE, 11 a. m.  
Clarington.....F. A. GOEBEL, 3:30 p. m.

TO-MORROW'S BOATS.  
Parkersburg.....H. K. BEDFORD, 11 a. m.  
Clarington.....CRICKET, 6:30 a. m.  
Clarington.....F. A. GOEBEL, 3:30 p. m.

## Along the Landing.

The marks at 6 p. m. Thursday showed two feet one inch and falling slowly. Weather clear and warm. There is no relief in sight, and a continued falling river is anticipated.

The Telephone arrived yesterday and will run in the Wheeling and Newport trade during the low water. She was built by the owners of the Ben Hur to run during low water in the Wheeling, Parkersburg and Pittsburgh trade, and made here initial and only trip in that trade during the past week. She was unable to reach Pittsburgh, so the effort to maintain that trade is now abandoned. She will leave Wheeling Fridays, Mondays and Wednesdays for Newport and way landings. She is built very light, drawing little more than a foot of

water, and of course, has only limited accommodations.

The Cricket, recently built by Captain Gordon Green to run in the Pittsburgh-Charleston trade during the low water, made her appearance here yesterday en route to Pittsburgh. She got away at noon and succeeded in passing the Sisters, but it is doubted that she will be able to go through, though she is very lightly built and draws probably less than a foot.

The Jewel made her last trip yesterday in the Newport trade until there is a better boating stage.

The H. K. Bedford had a nice trip for Parkersburg yesterday, and will be here Saturday at 11 a. m., for the same port. She will run as long as it is possible to scrape over the bars.

The F. A. Goebel manages to run in the Leroy's Clarington trade. She was late yesterday in clearing for below, and had a heavy trip, with a lighter in tow.

The Cricket is fast for a light drifter. On her up trip she made it from Parkersburg to Marietta, thirteen miles, in two hours. Her boilers and engines are placed at the bottom of her hull, like the Big Sandy packets.

## The Wheeling Marks.

Now that the river is low and is likely to continue low for some time, the steamboat men are a unit in the request through the Intelligencer, that something be done toward giving the port of Wheeling a reliable set of marks. When the marks were changed by the city two or three years ago the steamboat men protested that Engineer White was wrong in his base levels, as, according to his marks a boat drawing eighteen inches could go out on a seven inch stage of water here. The steamboat men claim that the base for the Wheeling marks should be the McMechen rock bar, which has become generally accepted in the river fraternity as the proper base.

The river men have requested the Intelligencer to voice their desire to Congressman Dovenor, of the First West Virginia district, that he take steps toward having the national government put in the right kind of marks here. Recently it was stated that the government would gladly do this if the city government gave its consent, which council would doubtless do.

## Pittsburgh River News.

PITTSBURGH, August 9.—Six tow-boats, homeward bound with empties, and which recently left here with tons of coal, have been forced to tie up on account of shoal water. The Belle McGowan, J. C. Risher, B. D. Wood and John Moren are at Point Pleasant, and the Fallie and the Dave Wood are at Middleport. Their crews were sent home by rail.

The Ohio river is falling its entire length, and the drop in the stage of water at some points has been most marked during the past forty-eight hours. The stage of water at the Falls Island dam has been going down much faster than was anticipated. The excessive hot weather is having a telling effect on the rivers, and when it does come it will take much precipitation to cause a rise in the rivers, as the country is in a parched condition.

The government this morning commenced the task of replacing the boards on some of the dams on the Monongahela river. Those at No. 3 lock are being